

OLMC Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2015 9:00-11:00 am

The SPRED Room

We Find Christ Here. We Bring Christ to the World

Opening Prayer was given by: Harry

Closing Prayer was given by: Randy

Snacks were provided by: John

Part I: Business items

Welcome and Introductions/ Father John David, Randy:

- Attendees: Fr. John David, Randy, James, Brenda, John, Harry, Tim, Marisol, Tammy, Pete, Bill Higgins, Tina and Janet and Fr. Carlos. Special guest: Miki Leurck.
- Miki spoke briefly, welcoming us to the SPRED room. She gave us a calendar, showed us the facility, explained some of the activities they do here and invited us to attend and observe a full session of SPRED. The trailer that houses the SPRED ministry was a gift they hope to keep.
- Ministry Liaisons are as shown.

Ministry	Staff to meet with:	Liaison
OLMC School	Sr. Dominic	Pete
Administrative	Julie Hall, Carla Weimer, Eileen Mazary	Unassigned
Hispanic Ministry	Francisco Anleu	Marisol
Liturgy	Kelly Soprano	Ruben & Tammy
Youth Ministry	Christina Harrison	James
SMH & Facilities	John Chesney, Hart Smith	Harry
Adult Faith Formation	Janet Hassan	Randy & John
Christian Formation	Christa Blomstrom	Tim
Technology	Eileen Mazary	Brenda

- Today we received reports on:
 - The Hispanic Ministry; Marisol gave a wonderful overview of all that is occurring within the Spanish speaking community. A full third of our parish is Spanish speaking. Over the last year: prep for baptism – adults and children, 40 have been baptized and 6 quincenares (15th birthday). Marriage counseling followed by retreat. 5 weddings last year with 6 more in preparation. 25 children are in sacrament preparation. There is a group that visits the sick on the last Sunday of month. RICA has 19 adults/young adults. Bible study is active. 35 families attend Gathered by Grace. 2 special needs children are in sacrament formation. 4 catechists for the liturgy of the word. 3 confirmations. A Spanish speaking omnipotent is starting. They want talks on post-partum depression and abuse in general. There are two choirs, one adult and one young adults. The ushers at the 2:00 pm mass are the teenagers; no adults. Hospitality ministry is being reorganized. 2 people working the welcoming desk. The Hispanic Ministry participated in the Christmas concert, Hispanic heritage month, Eastern shore ministry, Living the Eucharist, Lenten Stations of the Cross. Our Spanish speaking parishioners are coming and participating more in the mass building sense of community. Fr. John David is now participating in the Hispanic mass when the deacon preaches.
 - Christian Formation; Tim presented a multi page report on the Christian Formation ministry within our community. Items included KidCheck which is a secure check-in for the Nursery and other Children's ministries. Currently there are 139 children registered with KidCheck and we have two trained volunteers. More volunteers are needed. Kingdom Kids Nursery: Children 1 year to 4 years are invited to come together in the Nursery on Sunday mornings at the 10:00 am liturgy. The new Nursery space allows for expanded use by staff for scripture studies, Baptism preparation, Omnipotent and many other ministries. The nursery staff and families are excited about the plans for the new building renovations which include a bathroom within the nursery. Kingdom Kids Worship is a continuing ministry that has over 40 children participating on Sundays at the 10:00 am liturgy. Gathered by Grace: Adults and children alike join on the first Sunday of

the month (please check your bulletin) to share a meal and learn how to grow in their faith within the OLMC community. Additionally, Vacation Bible School, Sacrament Preparation, Mompotent, SPRED, BREATHE are all very important and vibrant programs at OLMC for our parishioners. Please check your bulletins for additional information of these programs.

- Tammy asked the Council to pray for additional Eucharistic Minister Team Leaders. There are currently Team Leads that work double duty at our weekend masses to ensure the Liturgy of the Eucharist is properly staffed and administered. Please consider supporting this very important ministry.
- Financial update;
 - Bill reported that the Offertory is being monitored following the presentations given before all masses encouraging increased offertory giving. It may be some time before a valid impact can be determined due to weather and weekly attendance. Bill reported our investments are doing well. Finance Council meets again on March 17th. More information plus an opportunity for questions will be available at the Town Hall meeting on March 26th.

Update of Building/Maintenance Plans/Father John David, Pete:

- Maintenance Plan;
 - The OLMC school roof is in desperate need of repair. Six bids have been received for the roof repairs and all bids have come in lower than previously expected. Once the bids are examined and a roofing company chosen, work will begin on the school roof.
 - The Building Committee has met and is focusing on creating a cost plan to the goals. Major items include, Roof Repair, HVAC , Bathroom restoration, Worship Center lighting upgrades, painting and expansion of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Part II: Envisioning—The Role of the Parish Council

- The council deferred discussion of chapters 7 & 8 of the book, ***Forming Intentional Disciples*** due to time constraints. Chapters 7 & 8 will be discussed at the April meeting. Additionally, Council will discuss Chapters 9 & 10 as time permits.
- The Media stand, from Lighthouse Media, is located in the Commons and is well accepted. Sales of books and CD's have been robust and reordering is underway. Thank you parishioners of OLMC.

Other Thoughts:

The Parish Council Meeting today was held in the SPRED Meeting room so the Council could visit, experience and see first hand the wonderful facility our SPRED ministers have developed for conducting their ministry and caring for those special needs parishioners in our community. The meeting room is a trailer located behind the school and across from the Sisters' living facility. It is outfitted with tables, chairs, books, games, religious symbols and the love of our SPRED volunteers who teach and mentor our special needs folks on a weekly basis. Special thanks to Miki Leurck for hosting our visit and opening the SPRED facility for our use.

Part III: April, 18, 2015 meeting

Assignments:

- Ministry reports on the Liturgy ministry by Tammy and Ruben and Youth ministry by James.
- Snacks will be provided by Randy
- Opening prayer will be offered by Tammy
- Closing prayer will be offered by Tim

The next meeting will be April 18th in the Gathering Space at 9:00 am.